MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF NOVEMBER 19th, 1930.

The Board of Public Works met at the Office of the Governor, Annapolis, on Wednesday, November 19th, at 1:30 P.M.

Present:

Albert C. Ritchie, Governor. William S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.

Mr. F. Brooke Matthews, State Tobacco Inspector, and Mr. C. H. Osborne, Consulting Engineer, were present at the meeting, with letter listing the bidders and bids for the alterations and addition to the State Tobacco Warehouse. The contract was awarded to Morrow Brothers at the figure of \$164,375.00, guaranteed on a cost plus $7\frac{1}{2}\%$ basis, if same is lower than \$164,375.00.

The Board agreed to take care of the deficit of approximately \$34,000.00 caused by the cost of the alterations to the Warehouse exceeding the appropriation for this work.

The matter of the deficit in the receipts of the State Tobacco Warehouse was discussed by the Governor, Mr. Gordy and Mr. Matthews, and they all decided that it was a matter that should be considered from every angle. Mr. Matthews said the present fee charged was outage of \$3.00 a hogshead, with some other small charges for re-weighting, etc. He also said that whenever any mention was made of raising the fee, opposition arose from the B. & O., and that they said they would handle no tobacco that came through the State Tobacco Warehouse. Mr. Gordy suggested that Mr. Matthews get data as to officials of the B. & O. who regulate the prices of tobacco through the B. & O. Warehouse, and who fixes warehouse charges, so that the matter might be taken up with them.

Mr. Gordy read letter from Doctor Bledsoe, Superintendent of Springfield State Hospital, asking authority to charge off the accounts mentioned in the following letter:

SPRINGFIELD STATE HOSPITAL

October 27th, 1930.

Board of Public Works, Annapolis, Maryland.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Springfield State Hospital, held October the sixteenth, it was decided to bring to your attention the following accounts and ask that they be charged off our books:

Harriett Ruth Simmons	\$1,278.00
William J. Hooper	62.00
Frances Mitchell	40.00
Joseph A. Stein	190.00
	\$1,570.00

Bills for the above accounts have been sent to

Thomas W. Simmons, Cambridge, Maryland.
Thomas Hooper, Oswego Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland.
Charles H. Mitchell, 3901 Ferndale Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland.
J. A. Markel, 144 W. 86th Street, Apt. 10 C, New York City,

but they do not seem to be in a position to pay.

William J. Hooper died March 3, 1929 Frances Mitchell went on Baltimore City, November 14, 1928 Joseph A. Stein went on Baltimore City, June 4, 1930.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) E.P. Bledsoe

Superintendent.

The Board authorized that these amounts be charged off and directed the Secretary to write Mr. Simmons telling him that Miss Simmons should be a county charge.

Mr. Gordy read letter from Gilbert A. Dailey & Company relative to signing release of bond in the penalty of \$15,000.00 covering money advanced to the State Industrial Accident Commission for use of the State Accident Fund. The Board authorized the signing of the release.

The Board authorized the payment of bill of Fairbanks, Morse & Company contracted by the Northwestern Hay Scales, if properly checked up by the weighmaster.

Mr. Gordy read copy of letter from Mr. Stewart, State Auditor, to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, recommending that the two appeal cases of James Wright and John Taylor in the amount of \$100.00 each, chargeable to Robert Coursey, Justice of the Peace at Centreville, be charged off.

The Board authorized these charges to be cancelled.

Mr. Gordy presented audit made by the State Auditing Department of the Eastern Shore State Hospital, in which it was recommended

that the accounts receivable of patients in the amount of \$90.00, representing charges which are deemed uncollectible, be charged off. The Board authorized that these charges be cancelled if they check up correctly.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Secretary.